

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE BROOKLINE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ON **FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020** AT 4:00 PM (REMOTE VIA WEBEX). STATUTORY NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

School Committee Members Present: Ms. Schreiner-Oldham (Chair), Ms. Federspiel (Vice Chair), Dr. Abramowitz, Ms. Charlupski, Ms. Ditkoff, Ms. Monopoli, Mr. Pearlman, and Ms. Scotto. Also present: Ms. Coyne.
Others present: Dr. James Marini.

Ms. Schreiner-Oldham called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

1. SCHOOL COMMITTEE INTERVIEW OF DR. JAMES MARINI AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPOINT DR. MARINI INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Ms. Charlupski stated that the Interim Superintendent Preliminary Screening Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the School Committee appoint Dr. James Marini to serve as Interim Superintendent for the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Charlupski provided an overview of Dr. Marini's background and qualifications.

Dr. Marini comes to Brookline with a wealth of experience in all facets of education. His experience - as a teacher, principal, administrator, superintendent and mentor to new superintendents and principals - makes him uniquely qualified to join the Public Schools of Brookline and lead our school district during these unprecedented times.

Dr. Marini's experience includes five years as Superintendent of Schools in Winchester. He spent a total of twenty-eight years in the Newton Public Schools as Interim Superintendent (one year), Assistant Superintendent for High Schools and Operations (three years), Principal of Newton North High School (nine years), Assistant Principal of Day Junior High School (seven years), and Math Teacher at Day Junior High School (eight years). Dr. Marini also served as Interim Superintendent in North Andover for two years and as a middle school principal and associate principal in Concord, Massachusetts for five years. After retiring, Dr. Marini was a mentor to new superintendents enrolled in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)/Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents induction program, and since 2012 he has been a coach to school leaders and school-based leadership teams through Teachers 21.

Dr. Marini earned his PhD. at Boston College and his M.Ed. at Antioch Graduate School of Education.

The School Committee welcomed Dr. Marini. Dr. Marini responded to questions and discussed the following: his entry plan, including meeting with stakeholders to discuss the elements of the system that make people most proud and those that need to be addressed; the core components of a quality education system; what he expects will bring

him joy in this position; how he plans to manage his time and find time for reflection; his leadership philosophy, the importance of building and maintaining staff morale, particularly in these challenging times; how the School Committee can provide support; and his initial thoughts on how to approach planning and decision making related to budget and teaching and learning for the upcoming school year.

ACTION 20-43

On a motion of Ms. Charlupski and seconded by Ms. Monopoli, the School Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY (by roll call) to appoint Dr. James Marini to serve as Interim Superintendent for the 2020-2021 School Year (pending negotiation of a contract and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approval of a Critical Shortage Waiver).

School Committee members offered their congratulations to Dr. Marini.

2. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous roll call vote at 4:35 PM, the School Committee entered into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General laws chapter 30A section 21(a) for Purpose 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (non-aligned personnel) and for Purpose 3: to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Brookline Educators Union (Units A, B, and Paraprofessionals) and with AFSCME (Building Service Employees, Brookline Educational Secretaries Association, and School Food Service Employees) because the Chair declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body. Ms. Schreiner-Oldham announced that the meeting will not reconvene in open session at the end of the Executive Session. By unanimous roll call vote at 6:00 PM, the School Committee reconvened in public session for the purpose of adjournment.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Schreiner-Oldham adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin E. Coyne, Executive Assistant
Brookline School Committee